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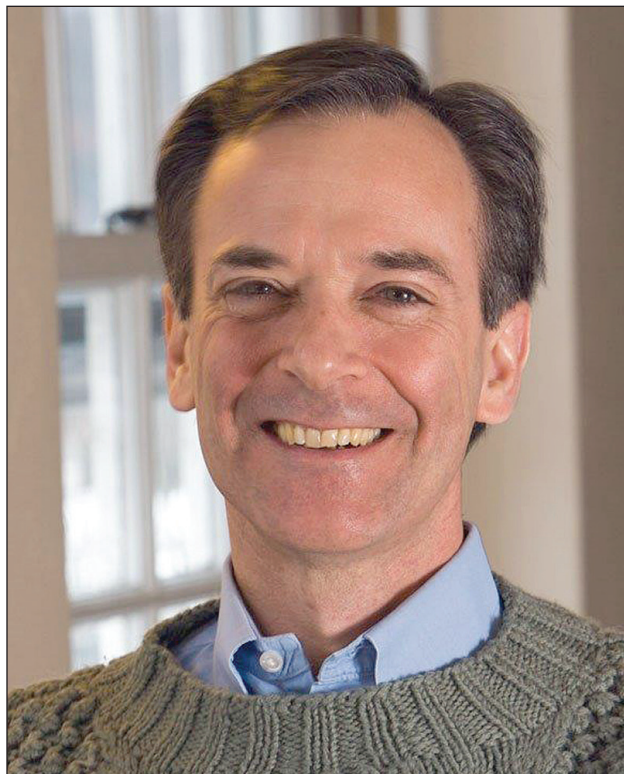
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## Meet a Franco Author: Steven Reil



Steven Reil

ed poetry that features both his Franco heritage and his gay identity. His poems give voice to the Franco-American community of his childhood, its narrative of survival and assimilation, and its uncomfortable relationship to homosexuality. His work also honors and attends closely to the history and culture of both communities that have shaped him and continue to shape him.”

A native of Massachusetts, Steven Reil received an A.B. in English from Georgetown University and an M.L.S. from Simmons College. He is the author of one full-length collection of poetry, “Fellow Odd Fellow” (Trio House, 2014), as well as three chapbooks, including most recently, “Postcard from P-towns,” which was selected as runner-up for the inaugural Robin Becker Chapbook Prize and published by Seven Kitchens Press.

Reil’s poems have appeared in several anthologies including, “Steven Reil writes implicat-

USM’s Lewiston Auburn College’s Franco-American Collection is hosting Steven Reil Franco Author/Poet, the third featured of the FAC’s five Meet-A-Franco-Author program, on Monday, February 24, 7 p.m. in room 170, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston. The public is invited and welcome to attend!

Writers in the program series, “Franco-America at the Interstice of Identities,” explore the conjunction of their Franco identity with another identity that is also important to them.

Denis Ledoux, FAC Program Chair and Board Member, relates, “Steven Reil writes implicat-

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celebration with Pinky D’s Poutine. You are not going to want to miss this awesome event!

## Effort to build and strengthen workforce in LA announced

Announced January 23, at the LA Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Awards Dinner, the Chamber and John T. Gorman Foundation are partnering for

the launch of Strengthen LA, a comprehensive strategy to help grow and strengthen the region’s local workforce. The Chamber has already committed \$10,000 in

funds and donations—and, for every dollar raised for Strengthen LA, the John T. Gorman Foundation has pledged a matching investment See LA, page 11

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## Governor's Address: Home is where the heart is

A home is more than brick and beams and wood and maybe a barn and a little yard. Home is where my husband, Stan, and I raised five daughters. Where we sat at the kitchen table paying bills and helping with homework. It's where we slept safely every night.

But for thousands of Maine families, a safe and affordable home is out of reach.

Our state has one of the least affordable housing markets in the nation. In 2018, the average Maine renter's

wage was \$11.44 per hour, while the hourly wage needed to rent a two-bedroom apartment was \$18.73 an hour – ninth-highest in the nation.

The waiting list for affordable housing has risen to more than 32,000 households. Over 20,000 Maine households are on wait lists for federal rental assistance.

And yet, for all of that, Maine is only producing 250 new affordable homes each year.

Families that don't qualify for affordable housing, or don't have



Governor Janet Mills

access to it, are paying outrageous rent prices. More than 35,000 renters in our state pay more than half of their incomes for rent and utilities.

How do we expect to keep young families here, or to attract young families here, if there is

no affordable place for them to live?

Last legislative session, Representative Ryan Fecteau – with co-sponsors from both houses and both parties – introduced legislation to address this housing shortage.

LD 1645 provides a refundable tax credit, similar to the Maine Historic Tax Credit, to create an additional 1,000 affordable homes over the next eight years, more than doubling our current production rate.

At least 30 percent of the funding will go

towards housing for seniors, 20 percent towards homes in rural communities, and 10 percent to renovating rural apartments.

This investment will also trigger matching federal funds to stimulate job growth and economic activity in the construction, engineering and design sectors.

Three weeks ago, in my State of the State, I told the Legislature, "send this bill to my desk and I'll sign it."

Well, thanks to the bipartisan work of the Legislature, this week I

did sign it.

You know they say home is where the heart is.

I believe the goal of ensuring that Maine people have a safe place to rest their head at night, a place where they can take care of their family, get ready for work and live with dignity and comfort is at the heart of this Administration.

I was proud to sign this bill into law, and I hope it will allow us to say to thousands more Mainers, "Welcome Home."

## Cabin Fever Reliever Living History Day at Norlands



Cabin Fever Reliever! Visit the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore on Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Journey into the past and celebrate President's Day in 1870.

This annual event is a belated celebration of President's Day—1870 style. A special tribute to America's first president, George Washington, takes place at 1:30 p.m. Washington was born on February 22, 1732. Norlands' interpreters Willi Irish and Beth Chamberlain, portraying the Washburn's 19th-century neighbors, will bake a version of Martha Washington's cake and

pay tribute to President Washington with poems and songs. Stop by for a slice of cake and participate in the celebration.

After his death in 1799, Washington's birthday became a day of remembrance and celebration. Celebrations included toasts, elaborate galas with dancing, laying of wreaths, and



fancy cake using a recipe from Martha Washington. Washington's actual day of birth (February 22) became a federal holiday in 1885. At first, the holiday was meant to honor only George Washington. However, many people considered it a day to honor both the first President George Washington and 16th President Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809). In 1971, the holiday officially became Presidents Day, a time to honor all presidents, past and present, and the day was moved to the third Monday of February.

In addition to the celebration, Norlands will host a traditional ice



harvest. See traditional ice cutting demonstrations on Bartlett Pond, just down the hill from the Norlands. Stop by the pond on the way to or from Norlands. (Please note there will not be any wagon rides to or from the pond). Help cut the ice into blocks, load them on to the horse-drawn wagon and then help to unload and pack the ice in the icehouse, inside Norlands' barn.

Warm up in the Washburn kitchen with a cup of soup or hot chocolate.

Guided tours of the 1867 Washburn family

home will be offered every hour. Several family stories will be shared on the tour of this elegant home, especially stories about the family's relationship with Presi-



dent Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. The one-room schoolhouse will be open with a teacher ready to greet you, as if it's 1853. The Washburn kitchen will be busy with a craft activity for all ages.

Bring snowshoes and walk the historic carriage trail to the Pools of Simeon, reflecting pools designed in 1903 by the youngest Washburn brother, William Drew.

General admission is \$10 adults (\$8 for members of Norlands), \$6 ages 12 and under (\$4 for members), free for ages 5 and under, \$25 family rate (\$20 for members) for two adults bringing 2 to 3 children from the same household.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Lewiston business earns 2019 Angie's List Super Service Award

## Auburn resident performs national anthem at State House

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Sen. Ned Claxton (right) with Alexis Handy in the Maine House Chamber.

Last week, Sen. Ned Claxton, D-Auburn, welcomed Alexis Handy, of Auburn, to the Maine State House. Ms. Handy sang the national anthem before the House of Representatives began its session.



Arctic Roofing General Contractors, based in Lewiston, Maine, is proud to announce that it has earned the home service industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award (SSA). This award honors service professionals who have maintained exceptional service ratings and reviews on Angie's List in 2019.

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### Letter to Editor

The Lewiston Finance Committee met Monday, February 10, to vote on a pair of change orders, consultant services, disposition of three properties and a recommendation on the Lewiston Capital Improvement Program.

The most significant aspect of the committee's work Monday evening was when it abdicated its' fiduciary responsibility. Unfortunately, the committee voted 4-1 to dispose of a city owned property blindly and

without any information as to whether the sale was in Lewiston's best financial interest.

The Finance Committee in its' third meeting of the year has accumulated \$237,751.00 in new spending for calendar year 2020.

The Committee did spend some quality time discussing Lewiston's Capital Improvement Program currently presented as a \$10,902,950 borrowing package for the next fiscal year. This is a number which

exceeds the 80% debt limitation ordinance by 49.9%, and unless reduced accordingly would represent the third consecutive year of indebteding Lewiston into the next recession.

The Lewiston residents can only be hopeful that this City Council will heed the warnings in this year's and the last ten years' worth of Finance Committee recommendations on Capital Borrowing and Budgets. *Michael Marcotte, Lewiston, Maine.*



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# What's Going On

## Warm Heart, Warm Feet



Senior Corps volunteers, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and RSVP, are pleased to announce the receipt of 2,266 pairs of socks during their 2nd Annual Warm Heart, Warm Feet-sock drive, held throughout Maine in partnership with Renys department stores.

At every Renys store statewide, volunteers and store staff collected socks throughout the entire month of January.

In addition, many individuals and companies participated in the annual event including attendees at the 2020 MLK Celebration Dinner, Marden's of Presque Isle and employees of TDBank, Penquis CAP and Southern Maine Agency on Aging.

The 2266 pairs of socks, with a value of over \$7,200, have been delivered to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and programs supporting older adults throughout

the state.

Warm Heart, Warm Feet grew out of Governor-elect Janet Mills 2019 inauguration when she encouraged the people of Maine to participate in a statewide "Day of Service" as a capstone to her inaugural week in office. The Day of Service was a call to action to foster community and civic engagement, one Senior Corps volunteers are committed to continuing annually.

## Rescan Day for NEWS CENTER Maine on WCSH

NEWS CENTER Maine on WCSH announced that it is moving frequencies on March 11 at 7 a.m. and viewers who watch TV for free with an over-the-air antenna must rescan their TVs to continue watching the station. Rescanning is when a TV finds all the available channels in an area.

Viewers do not need to purchase new equipment or services, and those who watch NEWS CENTER Maine on WCSH through a cable or satellite service do not need to rescan—your service provider will do it for you.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) held an auction of broadcast airwaves to provide more channels for wireless internet broadband services. As a result, the FCC is requiring this station and nearly 1,000 others nationwide to move to new frequencies to make room for wireless internet services. In addition to WCSH, WPXT and WMEA are also moving frequencies at the exact same date and time.

"We know that our viewers rely on us

for critical breaking news and severe weather alerts, along with the very best in sports and entertainment. That's not going to change," said Brian Cliffe, President and General Manager, NEWS CENTER Maine.

"Our goal is to make this transition as easy as possible on our viewers to ensure they can keep watching the programs they love, such as The Voice, 207, the up and coming Olympics, and of course all of our news shows. And, if they haven't rescanned their TVs recently, they may discover TV channels they didn't even know they were missing."

TV stations must move frequencies at different times as required by the FCC. This means viewers who use an antenna may have to rescan their TV sets more than once.

To rescan on March 11 at 7 a.m., select "scan" or "autotune" on the TV or converter box control menu to start the scanning process. Instructions are usually available by pressing the "set-up" or "menu" buttons on the remote control. This move is happening behind the

scenes, so the channel number viewers know will not change.

Plan to rescan and stay tuned to NEWS CENTER Maine on WCSH for more information or visit our website at [NEWSCENTERmaine.com](http://NEWSCENTERmaine.com). Additionally, TVAnswers.org, a viewer resource provided by the National Association of Broadcasters, features the latest news and information on station changes nationwide. At TVAnswers.org, viewers can also sign up for mobile alerts and email updates to stay up-to-date on TV station changes.

Viewers can also call the Federal Communication Commission's consumer hotline at 1-888-CALLFCC (1-888-225-5322) and press "6" to speak to a help desk representative. The call center is staffed from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Eastern time, seven days a week.

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Members of the public are invited to a free forum called "Maine Equal Rights Amendment: What it is—Why we need it!" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 26. This event, sponsored by Equal Rights Maine, League of Women Voters Portland, and Rural Maine Rising will take place at

Coolidge Family Farm, 1084 Lewiston Road. Light refreshments will be served.

Rep. Lois Reckitt will be leading a discussion of the Maine Equal Rights Amendment (LD 433). This legislative bill, referred to as the "Maine ERA," would amend the Maine constitution to prohibit

discrimination based on gender, which would benefit men as well as women.

Despite being introduced in the legislature every year since the 1980s, Maine has never added such language to our state constitution. This means that the only constitutionally protected right women have is the right to vote. Every other right they have has been won through statute or regulation, both of which are easier to undo than constitutional protections. Because LD 433 would amend the state constitution, ratification would require it to be approved by a two-thirds vote in both chambers of the legislature and passed by a majority of the voters approving the referendum question.

For more information, contact Anne Gass at 657-4935 or [agassmaine@gmail.com](mailto:agassmaine@gmail.com). Attendees are asked to park across the street at the AmVets Hall, 1095 Lewiston Road.

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## Bowdoin College Department of Music Spring events

Walden Chamber Players, Saturday, February 15, at 3 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Founded in 1997, the Boston-based Walden Chamber Players has garnered a reputation for being one of the most exciting and versatile chamber groups performing today. At Bowdoin they will perform nonets by Martinů and Spohr, as well as Nielsen's *Serenata in vano* and Strauss/Hasenöhrle's *Till Eulenspiegel einmal anders!* That morning they will present a masterclass at 11 a.m. which is open to the public to observe.

Gulimina Mahamuti & George Lopez, pianos, Saturday, February 22 at 3 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. Gulimina Mahamuti and Bowdoin's Beckwith Artist in Residence George Lopez will perform works including Schumann's *Canon*, Rachmaninoff *Suite No. 2*. That morning George Lopez will give a masterclass to piano students from nine until noon which is sponsored by the Maine Music Teachers Association and open to the public to observe.

Candice Hoyes Ensemble, Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. Candice Hoyes is a vocal shapeshifter who can only imagine a world in which she is singing and writing her own stories, poised to "shape the artist-cum-activist role." (NPR) For her upcoming 2020 release, Hoyes felt driven to record her original songs as a lens into her loves and beliefs, refracting broader truths that shape her reality as a young Black person in America. Sweeping gracefully across stylistic landscapes, Hoyes paints her own memorable space of reclaimed history and pure invention. There will be a masterclass at 4:30 p.m. which is open to the public to observe.

Olga Lisovskaya, soprano and George Lopez, pianos, "Russian Women Poets in Song", Sunday, March 29 at 4 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. In honor of International Women's Day, join us for musical settings of poems by Russian poets Anna Akhmatova, Marina Tsvetaeva, and others, written by Russian

and western composers. Featuring soprano Olga Lisovskaya and pianist George Lopez, the program includes the East Coast premiere of a song cycle by composer Mark Abel based on translations by Bowdoin Professor of Russian Alyssa Gillespie. A pre-concert talk begins at 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by a loyal Bowdoin family.

Titus Abbott Collective featuring percussionist Michael Sarin and bassist Sean Conly, Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. Titus Abbott, composer and Bowdoin saxophone faculty member, presents his Collective that features drummer Michael Sarin and bassist Sean Conly who are both integral members of New York City's genre-bending jazz and improvisation community.

Bowdoin College Concert Band "Let's Dance-The Sequel", John P. Morneau, director, Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. A follow-up to November's Fall Concert program, the BCCB will perform a new program of traditional and contemporary dance works including music by Frank Ticheli, Anthony Suter, Andrew Boysen, Jan van der Roost, Gabriel Fauré, Percy Grainger, Jacques Offenbach, and the King of Swing, Benny Goodman!

Diane Walsh and Martin Perry, pianos, Bartók's *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion*, Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. Pianists Diane Walsh and Martin Perry, joined by Jeffrey Means and Mike Williams, percussion will present Béla Bartók's 1937 masterwork *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion*, and other works by Debussy, Prokofiev, and Lutoslawski.

Common Hour: Student Ensembles, Friday, April 17 at 3 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Bowdoin Chamber Choir, Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19 at 3 p.m. Bowdoin Chapel. The Chamber Choir, under the direction of Robert K. Greenlee, will present "Music of the New Millennium," featuring recent works by living composers.

Middle Eastern Ensemble, Monday, April

27 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. The Bowdoin Middle Eastern Ensemble, directed by Eric LaPerna, will present classical and contemporary music from the Arabic and Ottoman Turkish traditions. The ensemble performs on traditional Middle Eastern musical instruments like the oud (Middle Eastern lute) and qanun (72-stringed Middle Eastern zither) as well as vocals and Western instruments along with Middle Eastern percussion.

Bowdoin Symphony Orchestra, George Lopez, director, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Music Sampler (Student Recital), Wednesday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. at Tillotson Room, Gibson Hall.

Interlude (Student Recital), Friday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. at Tillotson Room, Gibson Hall.

Jazz Nights, Friday & Saturday, May 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Students coached by Tracy McMullen will perform different programs on the two evening recitals.

West African Music Ensemble, Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m. at Morrell Lounge, Smith Union. The West African Music Ensemble will present several dance-drumming traditions from the Ghana/Togo region of West Africa. Parts of the program will be interactive and instructive, and audience members will be invited to join in these traditionally participatory musical practices.

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## Appalachian Trail hiker Chloë Rowse to speak at Bailey Library



Artist, educator and hiking enthusiast Chloë Rowse will speak about her solo thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25.

The event is the second in a 10-part series celebrating Maine's bicentennial that will explore outdoor recreation in Maine and is sponsored by Kennebec Savings Bank. The series will run until October 2020.

Rowse is a certified Wilderness First Responder, licensed Maine Recreational Guide, and Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard. Last year, she solo thru-hiked the entire 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

Rowse is the co-owner of Portland Rising, a woman's professional Ultimate Frisbee team and Maine's



first ever woman's professional sports team. She also coaches coed Ultimate Frisbee and runs several youth Ultimate Frisbee camps. In 2015, Rowse played on the US Women's National Team at the World Ultimate Frisbee Championships.

Rowse is a graduate of Maine Coast Waldorf School, Waynflete High School and Colorado College, where she double majored in Education and Studio Art. She studied German, French, and Italian. She also studied Dutch while living in the Netherlands for a year.

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Plans are underway for the 13th annual dinner of the Central Maine Community College Education Foundation. This year's dinner will be held Wednesday, April 15 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Lewiston.

At the dinner, the Foundation will honor the accomplishments and contributions of students, faculty, staff, and community supporters. This event is also a major fundraiser for the Foundation's scholarship fund. Anyone interested

in sponsorship opportunities or more information about the annual dinner should contact Roger Philippon at 755-5357 or rphilippon@cmcc.edu. Information is also available online at www.cmcc.edu.

## Sixth St. Church public supper

There will be a public supper at Sixth St. Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn on Saturday, February 22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The

menu consists of two kinds of beans, brown bread, cole slaw, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, macaroni and cheese, chili, assort-

ed desserts and beverage. The cost of the meal is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5 to 12, under age 5 is free. All are welcome. Take out is available.

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# Excellent discoveries at Thomaston Place Winter Auction



Circa 1890 Russian silver mounted cut crystal centerpiece bowl by Faberge

The exceptional inventory of fine art and decorative rarities at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries' winter auction on February 28, 29 and March 1 will be a perfect diversion from the Maine winter chill. The sale will offer masterworks by Andrew Wyeth, George Inness, and Maurice De Vlaminck, an important Roman marble statue, items by Faberge, Cartier, John James Audubon, and Georg Jensen, plus many outstanding marine, historic artifacts and Asian antiques.

Thomaston Place owner and auctioneer Kaja Veilleux said: "I'm very excited about the many great local discoveries in this sale. We're honored that Maine families have asked us to present these rare and historic pieces to the marketplace."

"Buoys", a gouache and ink painting by Andrew Wyeth (PA/ME, 1917-2009) will be featured, along with two colorful Impressionistic works by Maurice De Vlaminck (NY/France, 1876-1958), and a beautiful luminist landscape painting by George Inness (NY/MA/Scotland, 1825-1894). There will also be works by John George Brown (NY/CA, 1831-1913), Raoul Dufy (France, 1877-1953), and Horace Wolcott Robbins (NY/CT, 1842-1904).

Additionally, a se-

lection of works by contemporary artists will be presented, such as: "Cook House, Home Hills" by Grahame Sydney (New Zealand, 1948-), "Tega-Or", an acrylic on Masonite painting by Victor Vasarely (France/Hungary, 1906-1997); and an oil on canvas painting depicting a woman and owl by Gertrude Abercrombie (IL/WI/Germany, 1909-1977).

A large group of fine marine paintings will be offered, including pieces by Samuel Walters (UK, 1811-1882), Antonio Jacobsen (NY/NJ/Denmark, 1850-1921), SFM Badger (MA, 1873-1919); and William Pierce Stubbs (ME/MA, 1842-1909). There will also be a variety of ship models, dioramas and carved eagles.

Featured among the sculpture group will be a 50" high Roman marble standing portrait of Asclepius, god of medicine and health; a mid-19th Century large carved wooden eagle from New York City's Tavern on the Green restaurant; and an alabaster nude female torso by Robert Laurent (ME/NY, 1890-1970).

Two important pieces by Russian jeweler and silversmith Faberge will be offered: a circa 1890 silver mounted cut crystal centerpiece bowl marked with an imperial warrant; and a miniature carved bowenite elephant with rose cut

diamond eyes, in its original box from Warts-ki of London. There will also be a hardstone desk clock by Cartier, Paris with four square cut rubies in gold mounts and gold hands fitted with rose cut diamonds.

The sale will present John James Audubon's Octavo edition of "Birds of America", in 8 volumes and including



"Buoys", a gouache and ink painting by Andrew Wyeth (PA/ME, 1917-2009)

500 hand colored plates and "Quadrupeds of America", in 3 volumes and 150 hand colored plates, both in original bindings. Additionally, two mid-19th c. globes will be presented—Newton's New and Improved terrestrial floor globe, and a tabletop Gilman Joslin terrestrial globe with cast iron stand.

An important 40+/- lot collection of Civil War memorabilia will be offered, including: an 1864 Lincoln and Johnson "Free" presidential campaign flag, and an 1862 leather bound album of autographs from Lincoln, Hannibal Hamlin, the Cabinet, and 208 signatures from members of Congress. The collection includes Maine-related items, such as a Civil War presentation sword presented to Captain Edwin W. Wedgwood (Cornish, ME, 1820-1890) of Company E, 9th Maine Volunteer infantry regiment, and a framed silk guidon, or military standard, for

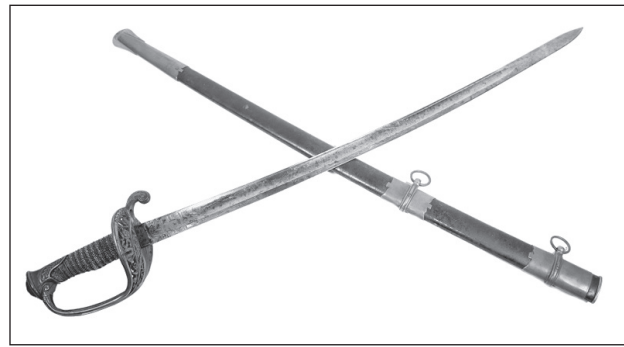
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Company A, 9th Maine Volunteer Infantry.

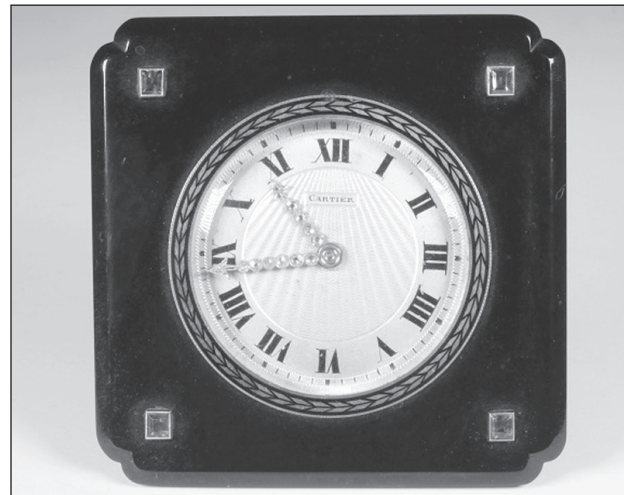
Also, of historic interest will be an oval tin tobacco box that belonged to Joseph Meacham, who founded the Shaker community at Mount Lebanon (NY). He converted to the Faith in 1780 and gave the box to the Shakers' founding



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Civil War presentation sword presented to Captain Edwin W. Wedgwood (Cornish, ME, 1820-1890)



Hardstone desk clock by Cartier, Paris with four square cut rubies and hands fitted with rose cut diamonds.



Harry Bertoia-designed asymmetric chaise by Knoll

in original paint, a Harry Bertoia-designed asymmetric chaise by Knoll, and two sets of Windsor chairs by J. Brown of Lincolnville, ME.

The Asian collection will include: a Chinese Ming Dynasty cast bronze depicting Guan-yin with baby Buddha; a pair of Chinese red lacquered wedding cabinets, an early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese two-part camphorwood campaign chest; and a monumental Japanese Meiji Period bronze figural covered urn.

Other items of interest will be a Georg Jensen Blossom pattern sterling silver tray, a pair of English fine 20-gauge shotguns by Rowland & Watson of Birmingham, and a 2009 Buick Lacrosse four-door sedan. And, as always, the sale will offer good selections of estate jewelry, folk art & marine items, fine timepieces, porcelain and glass, and Oriental carpets.

The auction will begin at 11 a.m. EST each day. A complete, full color catalog, with detailed descriptions and photographs, is available, and all lots can be viewed at Thomaston Place Auction Galleries' website, [www.thomastonauction.com](http://www.thomastonauction.com).

In addition to live bidding in the auction hall, Thomaston Place accepts bids via absentee, telephone, and on the internet. Please call 1-207-354-8141 for more information, or to reserve seats in the auction hall.

The gallery will be open for previews Monday, February 24 through Thursday, February 27 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day) and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning before the auction. See Auction, page 10

leader Mother Ann Lee, as tobacco chewing was not allowed in the Society. The box was later presented to American Spiritualist Dr. James V. Mansfield by the Shakers.

Featured among the 200+ furniture lots will be: an Italian Renaissance period walnut chest, Eldred Wheeler Dunlap tiger maple highboy, a pair of American Federal wing chairs, a Pilgrim Century blanker chest, a 19th Century Maine square chair table

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## Chris Bicknell to speak at L-A Rotary Club

Chris Bicknell is the Executive Director of the only agency in Maine focused solely on serving runaway and homeless youth, New Beginnings. Chris is the chair of the Maine Homeless Youth Provider Group, a member of the Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel, a Board Member of the Maine Balance of State CoC and a member of the NN4Y Policy Advisory Committee. Chris has more than 25 years

of experience in the field of human services, including as a consultant, trainer, and presenter working with high-risk youth, restorative justice, youth employment, harm reduction, and trauma-informed care. Before joining New Beginnings, he served as the Director of Access and Intake for the Opportunity Alliance and coordinated Preble Street Teen Services for more than nine years where he was instrumental in the

design and opening of their Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter in 2012. Chris has a master's degree in Art Therapy from Lesley University.

Please join the L-A Rotary Club for breakfast for an informative presentation from Chris Bicknell, executive Director of New Beginnings on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 a.m., at the Governor's Restaurant, 1185 Lisbon Street, Lewiston. Cost for breakfast is \$12.00.

## Maine Event Comedy presents Dawn Hartill at Bear Bones Beer



Maine Event Comedy presents the hilarious Dawn Hartill at Bear Bones Beer, Thursday, February 20 at 7 p.m. She'll be joined by Nic Dufault, Brendan Williams, Jake Jacobson, and James Swaka.

Hartill hails from Lewiston and is a mom

to three teenage boys. When she isn't shopping at Shaw's, she delights audiences of all ages by sharing her observations on life, marriage, and the experiences of trying to excel at motherhood. She won the 2016 Strand Cup Comedy Competition and has performed

at ImprovBoston, Comix at Mohegan Sun, and Empire Comedy Club.

The show is free and for ages 21-and-older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. For more information, call 207-513-0742 or e-mail mainevent-comedy@gmail.com.

## Dempsey Center pilots program for cancer patients

Recognizing the growing need for support services designed to meet the unique needs of people who are completing cancer treatment, the Dempsey Center is launching a pilot program in their Lewiston location. Surviving + Thriving is a series of classes and workshops designed to meet the needs of people who have recently completed cancer treatment. Topic areas will include movement and fitness, emotional support, and nutrition.

When cancer treat-

ment ends, people can experience a range of emotions. They may be relieved that treatment is over but worry about the future. Surviving + Thriving is designed to support people during this transition to life after cancer treatment.

"Thanks in part to earlier and better cancer screening, combined with new treatments, more people are surviving after a cancer diagnosis," said Wendy Tardif, Dempsey Center Executive Director. "A recent report from the National Cancer Institute

says there are an estimated 146,000 cancer survivors in Maine—that's 1 in 7 adults." Tardif adds that the Dempsey Center is committed to meeting the growing need for post-treatment support services.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Surviving + Thriving program can attend an information session scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at the Dempsey Center, 29 Lowell Street, Lewiston. To learn more or to register, visit [DempseyCenter.org](http://DempseyCenter.org) or call 877-336-7287.

## Guest column: Investing in career and technical education is a smartmove for Maine

At a time when higher education can be such a costly endeavor, feeling pressured to commit to a college for four years, just to find that your field of study may not help you get a good paying job, is unrealistic.

We need to continue debunking a belief that has been around for too long now: the idea that everyone needs or

should go to a traditional four-year college. Folks have been hearing this for decades, whether it be from guidance counselors, well-meaning family members or in the media. Too many people have played into the false notion that in order to be successful or do well for yourself or your family, college is a required first step.

We are fortunate

to have many great opportunities for folks in Maine who don't feel that a four-year school is right for them—our 27 career and technical education (CTE) centers. These CTE centers provide students of all ages with the opportunity to learn valuable trades, from welding and electrical to culinary arts and child development. Here See *Investing*, page 11

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# Auction

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tion begins.

Thomaston Place Auction Galleries is Maine's premier international auction company located on U.S. Route 1

in Thomaston. Thomaston Place is a leader in discovering Maine's antique and fine art treasures by offering free appraisals each Tuesday at the gallery, creating fundraiser events for civic and charitable or-

ganizations, and providing house call appraisal services. Their expertise in researching and marketing antiques and fine art has earned Thomaston Place the respect of buyers, collectors and experts worldwide.



"Tega-Or", an acrylic on Masonite painting by Victor Vasarely (France/Hungary, 1906-1997)



Portrait of four mast schooner "William Johnson" by William Pierce Stubbs (ME/MA, 1842-1909)



Mid-19th Century Newton's New and Improved terrestrial floor globe



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## Norlands

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In case of bad weather, this event will be canceled by 9 a.m. the day of the event. Call the Norlands and listen

to the outgoing message or check the Norlands' website or Facebook Page for updates.

For more information, call 897-4366 or visit [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org). The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore.

We make history fun! The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is a mul-

tifaceted museum offering in-depth experiences in 19th century rural life. Our mission is to preserve the heritage and traditions of rural life in Maine's past, to celebrate the achievements of Livermore's Washburn family, and to use living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations.

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# LA

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of up to \$150,000.

The Chamber has long convened its own Workforce Development and Education Committee, a table comprised of education, employment, non-profit businesses and municipal partners aimed at building awareness of workforce opportunities. Likewise, the Portland-based Foundation has invested heavily in efforts to improve the health, education, and economic stability of Lewiston families—including support for workforce training in key industries. Both the Chamber and the Foundation are cognizant of the many existing resources already in place that prepare people to join or rejoin the workforce and to help workers get the education and specialized skills they need to take advantage of new job opportunities. Strengthen LA is an idea, a plan for a strategy to connect, communicate and align all existing efforts and resources.

At the Annual Awards Dinner, LA Metro President and CEO Shanna Cox called on businesses and community members to join them in the collaborative effort: “Employers are making tough decisions about whether or not to expand based on their ability to attract talent and fill existing vacancies—affecting their bottom line and our ability to continue to grow and develop as a region. Until today, many of the great efforts to address the issue have occurred on parallel tracks, each aiming in the same direction, but not yet realizing the impact possible when we align our collective efforts. What’s needed is a comprehen-

sive strategy to bring all these resources together, align them in a common direction, and fill gaps where needed. Such a strategy is taking shape in Strengthen LA.”

While still being developed, the critical strategies of Strengthen LA include: Training and education structured to support critical industries like building trades and health care; A five-tiered structure so workers can receive resources appropriate to their education and skill level, with a clear path of advancement from placement in entry-level jobs to advanced skilled occupations; Work readiness skills for all tiers—teamwork, critical thinking, time management, problem solving—as well as coaching, job placement, retention supports, and next-stage career planning; Connecting participants to work and family supports, including transportation and child-care; Serving those who are not in the workforce as well as current workers looking to advance in their careers.

“For the past several years, we have been proud partners with many organizations working together to improve the day-to-day lives of LA residents,” said John T. Gorman Foundation Chief Program Officer Nicole Witherbee. “But the enormity of that collective vision requires that we all do more. It calls for greater scale, sharper strategies, stronger partnerships, more resources, and the ability to align all of those things in every aspect of the work. We believe that Strengthen LA is exactly what is needed to make that vision a reality.”

Still in its initial phase of development, this strategy will be only be successful with the

input of local businesses, residents, and other partners.

The John T. Gorman Foundation is a private foundation based in Portland, Maine, that aims to advance and invest in innovative ideas and opportunities that improve the lives of Maine’s most vulnerable people. (jtg-foundation.org).

An organization of community-minded businesses that serves Lewiston, Auburn, and surrounding communities, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is an engine for economic vitality and enhanced quality of life. Through issues advocacy, workforce development, and professional networking, the LA Metro Chamber helps business and community build, lead, and thrive. (lametrochamber.com)

## Author

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“Lives in Translation” by Soleil Press and in numerous periodicals, including “The Minnesota Review” and “International Poetry Review.” The Lambda Literary Foundation selected him as a 2016 Fellow.

Poetry editor of “RFD Magazine” from 1987 to 1995, Reil currently serves as editor-in-chief of the Franco-American literary e-journal “Resonance.” He received MFA in poetry from New England College where he was the recipient of a Joel Oppenheimer Scholarship and was the 2005 Robert Fraser Distinguished Visiting Poet at Bucks County (PA) Community College.

FAC Program Chair Denis Ledoux explains “Our Meet-A-Franco-Author programs

depart from previous Franco-American Collection curatorial focus. With this series, the FAC steps into the creative present all the while continuing to maintain and enhance our role as keepers of Franco stories for future generations. We have built a Q&A session into this series so that the audience will have time to engage in conversation with Steven Riel about his experience as a Franco and as a gay man.”

The Meet-A-Franco-Author programs are free of charge, thanks to a generous grant from the Québec Delegation in Boston and are open to the public—Franco-Americans and Francophiles alike. Members of the FAC are invited to attend a pre-reading reception with the author at 5:30 p.m. in Room 170. For information on becoming a member, contact the office at (207) 753-6545.

Ron Currie, Jr., Maine fiction writer, will present March 23.

David Vermette, historian, will speak on April 27. Born in Massachusetts, Vermette has family roots in Brunswick, Maine.

All programs will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Room 170 at Lewiston-Auburn College of the University of Southern Maine, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston. Public is welcome.

## Investing

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in Androscoggin County, we have the Lewiston Regional Technical Center, which offers a variety of courses across 20 different fields. We are also lucky to have Central Maine Community College right here in Auburn, which also offers a wide range of career training. I’m proud that we have facilities all over the state to offer such valuable education and training.

Not only does CTE offer excellent opportunities for Mainers of all ages, it also addresses one of the biggest challenges facing our economy: our workforce gap. You’ve probably read about how all over Maine, businesses struggle to hire skilled workers. There are not enough workers who are training for crucial vocational roles. A common problem is that available jobs don’t match up with worker’s skills. MaineSpark, a Maine-based coalition of nonprofit organizations, businesses and government agencies, which works on best career and education practices, determined that to continue economic growth, 60 percent of Maine adults should have some form of post-secondary education or career training by 2025. As we continue to explore ways to attract more folks to our state

and keep more of our young workers in Maine, investing in CTE is a strategy that we should be using. You can bet that CTE is going to play a big part in achieving this goal and ensuring our economy and workforce can continue to grow.

It’s for all these reasons that I’m proud to support legislation from Sen. Erin Herbig, D-Belfast, which will help support the improvement and expansion of centers across the state. LD 2022, “An Act To Provide Funding for Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions,” would allocate \$4 million to invest in CTE centers and help them improve their facilities and purchase the up-to-date equipment they need. This investment is critical in continuing Maine’s economic growth and helping folks learn valuable skills that they can directly apply to their future careers. I hope my colleagues feel as strongly as I do about investing in CTE, and I look forward to helping everyone succeed in Maine no matter what education or career path they seek.

Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland

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## MaineHealth Care at Home adds new staff member



Matthew Dirscoll

MaineHealth Care at Home has appointed Matthew Dirscoll as its new director of communications and public affairs.

Dirscoll has more than 20 years' experience in health care, dating to the start of his career as a phlebotomist with the American Red Cross. He has worked extensively in medical sales, including for Automatic Data Processing in South Portland, Sage Products of Cary, Ill., and with NorDx, a laboratory services organization that is also a part of MaineHealth, the region's largest integrated healthcare system.

Since 2012 Dirscoll has been NorDx's communications and marketing manager, and this past year project management duties were added to his responsibilities. He holds a bachelor's degree in medical biology from the University of New England in Biddeford and master's in business administration, healthcare

management from New England College in Henniker, N.H.

In this new role Dirscoll will be responsible for internal and external communications, marketing and will oversee the agency's team of care and community liaisons. He will report to Donna DeBlois, president of MaineHealth Care at Home.

MaineHealth Care at Home offers a full range of skilled home health services to children and adults, including nursing care, nutritional counseling, emotional support, palliative care, rehabilitative therapies, and telehealth. It also offers a full range of community health and wellness programs throughout its service area, which includes York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo, Sagadahoc and southern Oxford Counties. MaineHealth Care at Home also offers hospice services throughout Knox, Waldo and Lincoln counties

with short-term hospice care and respite services at the Sussman House, a hospice facility located in Rockport, Maine.

MaineHealth is a not-for-profit integrated health system consisting of eight local hospital systems, a comprehensive behavioral healthcare network, diagnostic services, home health agencies, and more than 1,500 employed and independent physicians working together through an Accountable Care Organization. With close to 19,000 employees, MaineHealth is the largest health system in northern New England and provides preventive care, diagnosis and treatment to 1.1 million residents in Maine and New Hampshire. Members include Franklin Memorial Hospital/Franklin Community Health Network in Farmington, LincolnHealth in Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor, Maine Behavioral Healthcare in South Portland, MaineHealth Care at Home in Saco, Maine Medical Center in Portland, Memorial Hospital in North Conway, N.H., NorDx in Scarborough, Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County Hospital in Rockport and Belfast, Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford and Sanford, Spring Harbor Hospital in Westbrook, and Stephens Memorial Hospital/Western Maine Health Care in Norway. MaineHealth Affiliates include Maine General Health in Augusta and Waterville, Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick, New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Portland and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. It is also a significant stakeholder in the MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization in Portland.

## Pine Tree Society receives a perfect 4-star score

For the fourth year in a row, Pine Tree Society has earned the top 4-star ranking from Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the largest independent charity evaluator in the United States and 4-stars is their highest possible rating. Pine Tree Society's commitment to strong financial health, accountability and transparency earned this top distinction.

Only 20% of the charities Charity Navigator evaluates have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Pine Tree Society outperforms most other charities in America.

Pine Tree Society is headquartered in Bath

with offices in Scarborough and Lewiston.

"Earning a perfect score in transparency and accountability shows we've worked hard to ensure our donors can trust we're using their donations wisely in our work to transform the lives of Maine people with disabilities each day," said Noel Sullivan, president and CEO of Pine Tree Society. "We're committed to maximizing the impact of every dollar donated to support the people we serve, and this commitment is reflected in our 4-star rating from Charity Navigator."

View Pine Tree Society's 4-star ranking at this link <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=7736>.

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More About Pine Tree Society: Celebrating more than 80 years of helping Maine people with disabilities discover lives of passion and purpose. Pine Tree Society started as a bold new idea in 1936 and has helped Maine people with disabilities lead active, more socially connected lives ever since. Whether it's a child discovering her best friend at Pine Tree Camp or an adult finding his voice with customized assistive technology, Pine Tree Society breaks down barriers and changes lives. For more information, please call 207-443-3341 or visit our website, [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org).

## Music

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Bowdoin Chorus, Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m. and Monday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. Bowdoin Chorus and Mozart Mentors Orchestra, conducted by Anthony Antolini '63, will present Johannes Brahms's German Requiem with soprano soloist Sarah Tuttle and bass soloist John David Adams. The work will be performed in German.

Mid-Day Music (Student Recital), Thursday, May 7 at 12 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Piano Students of George Lopez (Student Recital), Thursday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Chamberfest (Student Ensembles), Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Lunchbreak (Student Recital), Friday,

May 8 at 12 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Music Finale (Student Recital), Friday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall.

Coastal Youth Orchestra, Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. [Please note earlier time!] at Kanbar Auditorium, Studzinski Recital Hall. The Bowdoin Symphony Orchestra will host the Coastal Youth Orchestra, directed by Nancy Roderick. The CYO is a community initiative to support a local music program through mentoring youth in the Greater Brunswick area.

Unless otherwise noted events are open to the public; admission free of charge; no tickets or reservations.

Parking on city streets is available on Park Row and Maine Street. Visitors may park in the Blue-Designated Visitor/Staff parking lots. Studzinski Recital Hall is handicapped accessible with a ramp to the lobby door (West side), near the

circle on South Campus Drive. Bowdoin Chapel is handicapped-accessible with a ramp to the south door.

All events are subject to change. To confirm dates and locations, to inquire about additional concerts, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Department of Music at (207) 798-4141 or [lrussell@bowdoin.edu](mailto:lrussell@bowdoin.edu).

## Rescan

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## Senator Collins visits Geary Brewing Co. in Portland

Last week, U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited Geary Brewing Co. in Portland to tour the facility and meet with employees. Senator Collins delivered remarks commending the company on its success and took questions on a range of topics from workers. Geary's has been owned and operated by Alan and Robin Lapoint of Freeport since March 2017.

"Congratulations to

Robin and Alan Lapoint and the entire Geary's team for revitalizing this iconic brewery through their entrepreneurial spirit," said Senator Collins. "The resurgence of the craft beverage industry is the result of hard work, vision, and determination. From Southern Maine to The County, these small businesses are helping to grow Maine's economy and create jobs. As the

first craft brewery to open in New England following Prohibition, Geary's led the way, and I wish them all the best in years to come."

"We were delighted to welcome Senator Collins to Geary Brewing Co. today to show her our brew house and some of the recent improvements we have made to our facility," said Robin Lapoint, President & Co-Own-

er of Geary Brewing Co. "We also expressed our appreciation for her strong support of the craft brewing industry, including her work to reduce the tax burden on brewers. As a result of the reduced excise taxes, Geary's saved a total of \$100,000, enabling us to hire an additional full-time employee, purchase a forklift and a heating unit, rebrand our contemporary line of beers,

and renovate the tasting room. These investments will strengthen our company and enhance our customers' experience."

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins worked to secure a total of \$18.5 million for brewers in Maine and across the country in the appropriations package that was signed into law in December.

This included a one-year extension of a stand-alone bill—of which Senator Collins is a co-sponsor—that reduces taxes, compliance burdens, and regulations for brewers, cider makers, vintners, and distillers. The reduced excise taxes were set to expire at the end of this year after being included in the tax reform law Senator Collins voted for at the end of 2017.

**Thursday, Feb. 20**

Book club at Baxter Memorial Library at 10 a.m. Join us for a discussion of *The Night Olivia Fell* by Christina McDonald.

Ball Point Pen Art with Kevin Hawkes at Baxter Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration required, ages 11 to 18 welcome. Learn how to render almost anything using a ball point pen! Please call 222-1190 or stop by the library to sign up.

ATRC Policy Committee meeting at 10 a.m. AVCOG.

Maine Event Comedy presents the hilarious Dawn Hartill at Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston, at 7 p.m. The show is free and for ages 21-and-older. For more information, call 207-513-0742 or e-mail maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

Author Talk by Annette Dorey about "Maine Mothers Who Murdered, Doing Time in ME State Prison, 1875 - 1925." At Durham Historical Society, Eureka Community Ctr, 6:30 p.m. All welcome.

Great Falls forum with Frances Eanes at the Lewiston Public Library in Callahan Hall from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea and bottled water available. For more information contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@gmail.com.

Shana Youngdahl book signing at Portland Public Library at noon. Shana Youngdahl, University of Maine at Farmington assistant professor of English is author of "As Many Nows As I Can Get".

LA Rotary guest speaker Marcel Gagne Business Ownership Conversion Specialist will speak at the Village Inn at 165 High Street, Auburn at 1 p.m. Guests are welcome, and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information please contact Club President Celeste Yakawonis at celyak@megalink.net, follow us on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

**Friday, Feb. 21**

Maine Event Comedy presents Matt Barry at Craft Brew Underground, 34 Court Street, Auburn at 8 p.m. The show is for ages 21-and-older; admission is pay-what-you-can. For more information, call/text (207) 513-0742

# Calendar

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Disney's High School Musical Jr. by Monmouth Community Players at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and are available through the theater's website at www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org

Giant Candy Land at Baxter Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For all ages! Drop in to play a rousing game of giant Candy Land!

French sing along at University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn College, Room 170, 1:30 p.m. The sing-alongs are held from September through May. Admission is free. For more information, call 207-576-3212. Call the USM Stormline at 207-780-4800 to check for cancellations.

**Saturday, Feb. 22**

Supper — Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts at First Congregational Church, Route 115, Gray, 5 p.m. Adults \$8, under 12 \$4. Handicapped accessible. Contact 657-4279 for more information, on the day of the supper call 657-3279.

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Bean supper at Auburn United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue at 5 p.m. Entertainment provided by Park Avenue Pickers starting at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$8/adults, children 6-12/\$4, children 5 and under free. For additional information, please call the church office at (207) 782-3972.

Disney's High School Musical Jr. by Monmouth Community Players at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and are available through the theater's website at www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org

Author Renee Decamillis to give reading at Lewiston Public Library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the

Jeanne Couture Conference Room. Event is free and open to the public and will conclude with book sales and signing. For more information, contact the library at lplreference@gmail.com or call Josh Gauthier at 513-3136.

The Androscoggin County GOP invites you to 2020 Lincoln Day Dinner/Dance at Ramada by Wyndham Lewiston Hotel & Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston from 5 to 11 p.m. RSVP on Eventbrite required.

Maine Extension wild blueberry conference (snow date February 29) at Hollywood Casino Hotel, 500 Main Street, Bangor, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The conference fee is by donation and includes lunch; registration is required. Register online by February 16. Pesticide credits will be available. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Mary Michaud at 207.581.3175 or mary.j.michaud@maine.edu.

V-Day aUbuRn 2020 presents 13th edition of "The Vagina Monologues" at the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street, at 7 p.m.

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age Feeling Presidential



The Over the Hill Gang celebrate at the summit of Mount Adams

Hiking the Presidential Range in New Hampshire used to be a regular part of my winter agenda. A continuum of battles with arthritic knees and hips had kept me off the big peaks for three years. Recently, a couple of cortisone injections and an invite from friends Gary and Suzanne Cole to climb Mounts Madison and Adams provided a window of opportunity to end the drought.

My first experience with winter mountaineering in the Whites was thirty-five years ago. Outdoor sidekick John Stokinger and I packed into the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Hut at Carter Notch. Completing ascents of Carter Dome and Wildcat Mountain, we met hut visitors who related experiences climbing Mount Washington. A spark was ignited. Short-

ly after, John and I succeeded in an ill-advised ascension of Washington in frigid gusty weather. I was hooked.

During the ensuing years, I had the good fortune to share scores of winter climbs in the Presidential Range with many great hiking friends. Initially, the primary focus was the five tallest: Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Monroe, and Madison. Later, Eisenhower, Pierce, Garfield, and Lincoln became recurring executive accomplishments. Then Father Time delivered the arthritic setback. Instead of bagging the big fellas, whining was a too frequent substitute.

When I received Gary and Suzanne's proposal, the timing was near perfect. Pain free for a few weeks, I had recently completed a five-mile mountain hike in the Camden Hills with a

full winter pack. Ready to go, my wife Nancy decided to join us for a shorter excursion below tree line.

Old age brings a handful of benefits. Wisdom is sometimes one of them. History can be didactic for those willing to learn from it. In February 2015, experienced mountaineer Kate Matrosova froze to death between Mounts Madison and Adams. Scores of hikers have died in the Presidential Range where winter winds can exceed 100 MPH and wind chills sometimes dip to minus 50 below Fahrenheit. My friends and I no longer attempt risky above tree line climbs in the high peaks. We wait for optimum weather. That was the forecast for our planned endeavor: partly sunny, mild temperatures, and light to moderate winds.

Concluding the two-hour drive to Appalachia Trailhead near Gorham, we arrived early on a cool gray January morning to find the large parking area almost full. Since frequent mountaineering companion Brent Elwell had joined the group, we would be a prudent foursome above tree line. All retired, Over the Hill Gang might be an apt moniker.

Several trails begin at or near Appalachia. Our plan was to ascend

Valley Way Trail 3.8 miles to the closed Madison Hut, climb Madison followed by Adams, and if conditions permitted, return on the more exposed Air Line Trail. Nancy would hike on Valley Way.

The trek up Valley Way was demanding but uneventful. We were greeted with almost unimpeachable weather when we arrived above tree line at the hut. The only imperfection was far too much exposed rock on the Madison summit cone. Because micro spikes were necessary due to the widespread presence of ice, it's actually less challenging to climb a predominantly ice- and snow-covered surface.

Since the weather was exceptional and footing awkward, we left our packs at the bottom before finishing the steep half mile scramble to the crest. Views were phenomenal. Gazing west, our next goal, Mount Adams, the second highest peak in New England towered above. Slightly southwest, Mount Washington dominated the distant skyline.

The 1.5 mile trek from Mount Madison to Mount Adams entails scaling the shoulder of Mount John Quincy Adams. Considered a mere subsidiary peak of Mount Adams, the unfairly diminished sixth president doesn't merit full mountain status.

Although higher than Madison, more ice and snow facilitated an easier ascent of Adams. The alpine-like summit is one of the most extraordinary locations in New England. Views of the surrounding barren

peaks of the Presidential Range were breathtaking. The weather was fantastic, too. Calm and partly sunny, we relaxed at the craggy pinnacle enjoying a conversation with longtime friend, Ed Hawkins, who was leading a New Hampshire climbing party. A peak bagging legend in the Whites, Ed has had two knee replacements so there is hope for me.

Meanwhile, Nancy was enjoying a quiet outing on Valley Way where she was thrilled with a rare fisher sight-

ing. Observing predominantly exposed rock on Air Line Trail, the Over the Hill Gang returned via Valley Way completing an eleven mile expedition. At the end of the day, we were all feeling presidential.

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A hiker ascends Valley Way Trail towards Mount Madison



A hiker descends Mount Adams with John Quincy Adams below and Mount Madison beyond



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